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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of this application, Applicants respectfully request amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

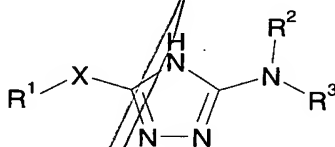
In the Specification:

Kindly add the Abstract enclosed herewith on a separate sheet, at the end.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 16 as follows:

16. (Amended) A compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof:



Formula (I)

wherein,  
X is S or O;

R<sup>1</sup> is optionally substituted C<sub>2-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl, optionally substituted Het-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl or optionally substituted Ar-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl, wherein Ar is an optionally substituted phenyl or naphthyl group;

R<sup>2</sup> is optionally substituted C<sub>2-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>alkynyl, optionally substituted Ar-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl, optionally substituted Het-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl, provided that when R<sup>2</sup> is optionally substituted Het-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl, and Het is indole, benzofuran,